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## **Hearing on Responding to Long-Term Unemployment**

I am writing this letter in regards to the Unemployment Extensions. I have been out of work since June 2008. The last 2 years I have been taking temp work which has been very temp, nothing more than 3 months or so at a time, It seems to me that companies want the work done and out you go with no intentions to hire. I recently got my benefits cut by \$400 a month based on the fact that for the last year I hardly worked. I find it illogical that this is not based on the original earnings that I had before all of this happened. The reason I didn't work much in the past year is that there is no work! I feel that slap in the face again! This is not just a slight dip in the job market, I simply don't believe we can create 8 million jobs in a matter of a few years. Even as bad as things are Companies are still sending work out of the country. My work has been sent to India twice. This needs to stop or things will never get better!

The job search is frustrating most places don't even send email or letters to let me know if they even got my application. I see the same few jobs out on the internet all the time at different job boards. I had one interview at Northland Group the HR person said she went through the first 200 applications and picked out 5 to interview, I was one of the lucky ones, I should feel good that I got the interview but no job. She didn't bother with the other 400 that she got. Searching for a job is like finding a needle in a haystack, I see many talented and smart people at my Job Club that have been productive and now it seems that we will be forgotten and no one will care.

Temp Agencies run false ads to beef up their head count. I received a flyer from my counselor telling me that Aerotek would be at the office interviewing for 15 open temp to hire jobs when I go there she told me those positions were filled. My guess is that there were no jobs in the first place. She offered me some job that lasted 3 weeks. That is the kind of work that's out there, just projects. I had one Temp agency try to tell me that I quit when they couldn't find me any work I had to send in paperwork to prove myself. I think they are frustrated with trying to find work for their people, if we're not working they make no money.

Benefits should be absolutely based on original earnings when a person becomes unemployed. They should continue at the same rate until there we see some real job growth. I certainly should not be penalized for not making enough money when there is no work out There. We

should be a valued part of society, if I can't buy the basics then I'm not contributingTo our economy.

I honestly don't think things will be the same for many years, 4 people in my Immediate family have lost jobs. I can't believe this is the U.S.A! No jobs, No healthcare, we will be a country of low wages and Contract workers It's all so sad. What are we leaving for our future generations? Please Help!!

